



# 2020 NIH Chronic GvHD Consensus Project on Criteria for Clinical Trials

November 18–20, 2020



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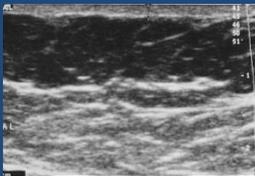
Dry eyes



Oral lesions



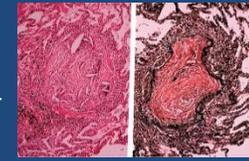
Nail dystrophy



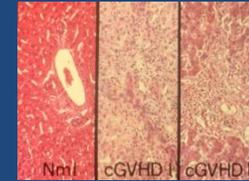
Skin sclerosis



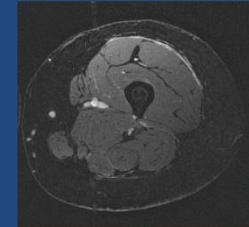
Deep sclerosis



Bronchiolitis obliterans



Loss of bile ducts



Fasciitis/Myositis



Skin ulcers

### Manifestations in cGVHD

- 30-60% Incidence
- 15% Life Threatening
- ➔ **INFECTIONS**



# Chronic GVHD in 2020 - leukemia patients after T-replete haploidentical HCT and PTCy ( $\geq 18$ years) CIBMTR, 2013-2016



Outcome	MAC-BM N=79	MAC-PB N=183	RIC-BM N=192	RIC-PB N=192	p-value
Chronic GVHD 2-years	27%	44%	25%	35%	<0.001
Overall Survival 2-years	53%	55%	58%	43%	0.07

Im et al, Biol Blood Marrow Transplant 2020; 26:1459



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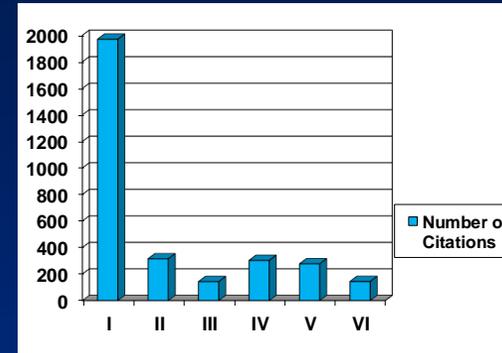
**HYPOTHESIS:**

**Better characterization of chronic GVHD  
and standardization of research tools  
will lead to better research and ultimately  
improve clinical outcomes**

# NIH CGVHD Consensus Conferences 2005 - 2014

## Moving from Expert Opinion to Evidence-Based Standards: 13 highly reference publications in BBMT

2005  
Consensus  
Conference



Total Scopus  
citations: 3358  
by 1/2020

2014  
Consensus  
Conference



### NIH Consensus Reports:

- Diagnosis and Staging
- Pathology
- Biomarkers
- Therapeutic Response Criteria
- Ancillary Therapy & Supportive Care
- Criteria for Clinical Trials
- Biology of CGVHD

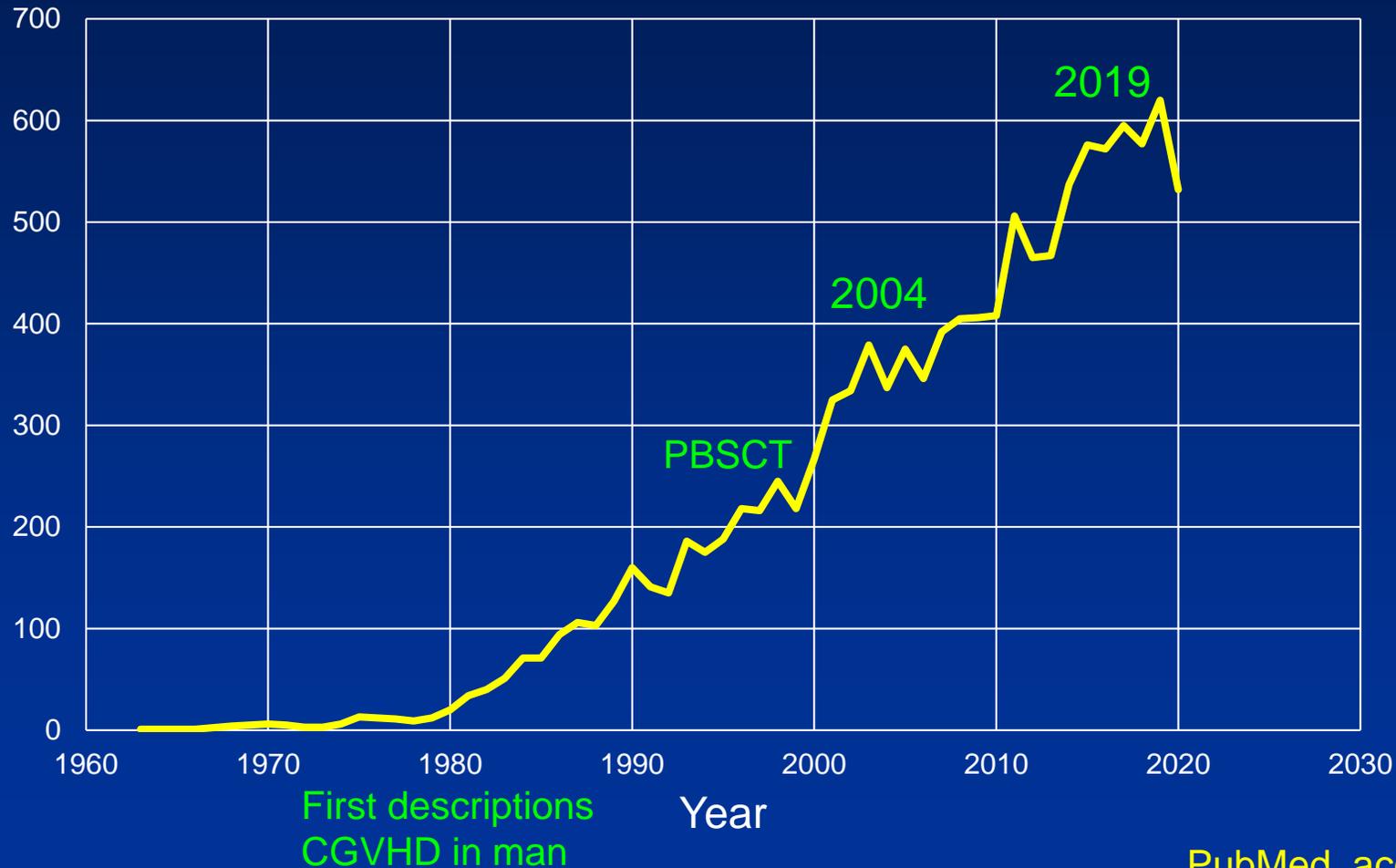
Total Scopus  
citations: 969  
by 1/2020

2017: FDA first drug approval for cGVHD (ibrutinib)

2018: NEJM first chronic GVHD review (Zeiser and Blazar)

Era of development of novel targeted therapies

# Chronic Graft-versus-Host disease publications/year PubMed since 2004 1<sup>st</sup> NIH Consensus conference





Georgia Vogelsang

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January 16, 1951 - May 18, 2020



Internationally recognized leader in bone marrow transplantation and pediatric immunology. She held the Ralph J. Stolle Chair of Pediatric Immunology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, served as Head of the Division of Immunology at the University of Minnesota Medical School, and was president of the Histiocyte Society. Cincinnati Children's gained national and international prominence for the treatment of HLH.

Biology of Blood and Marrow Transplantation 11:945-955 (2005)  
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1083-8791/05/1112-0002\$30.00/0  
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## National Institutes of Health Consensus Development Project on Criteria for Clinical Trials in Chronic Graft-versus-Host Disease: I. Diagnosis and Staging Working Group Report

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## BUT

- Initial treatment is still calcineurin inhibitor and prednisone
- Best choice of subsequent treatment is still undefined
- No standard approaches to prevention or preemption
- Highly morbid forms of chronic GVHD still exist



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**Vision: To eliminate chronic GVHD as a source of patient suffering and improve outcomes after allogeneic HCT**

# 2020 CGVHD Consensus Methods



- November 2019 steering committee formed four working groups
- Each working group was organized to encourage global engagement
- Four groups worked individually beginning in February 2020 to review the relevant literature and prepare the initial draft of the manuscript. The Steering Committee reviewed and discussed the initial draft and offered recommendations for revisions.
- Two iterative rounds of comments and revisions were collected before the November 2020 Consensus Conference.
- The manuscripts are further revised for submission in early 2021 after additional suggestions from external reviewers, virtual Conference participants, and a 30-day public comment period.



# 2020 Chronic GVHD Consensus Process Goals

- What has been accomplished so far
- Gaps
- What should future research address
  - In next 3 years
  - In next 5-7 years
- Four research lanes and 4 WGs

## Chronic GVHD Research Lanes – 2020 Consensus Framework

cGVHD manifestations

Intervention based on pre-transplant characteristics	Intervention based on post-transplant information	Established chronic GVHD	Severe, advanced chronic GVHD
WG1	WG2	WG3	WG4
Etiology/Prevention	Diagnosis/Pre-emptive therapy	Systemic treatment	Highly morbid phenotypes
Understanding of biologic processes / efficacy of interventions applied based on <b>risk factors known before transplant</b> , regardless of when the intervention is given	Intervention <b>determined after transplant based on a higher than previously appreciated risk</b> of developing chronic GVHD based on secondary events, signs, symptoms or biomarkers	Systemic treatments for established chronic GVHD, including initial and subsequent therapies	Understanding of the biologic differences in highly morbid phenotypes / local and systemic interventions specifically targeting these morbid conditions



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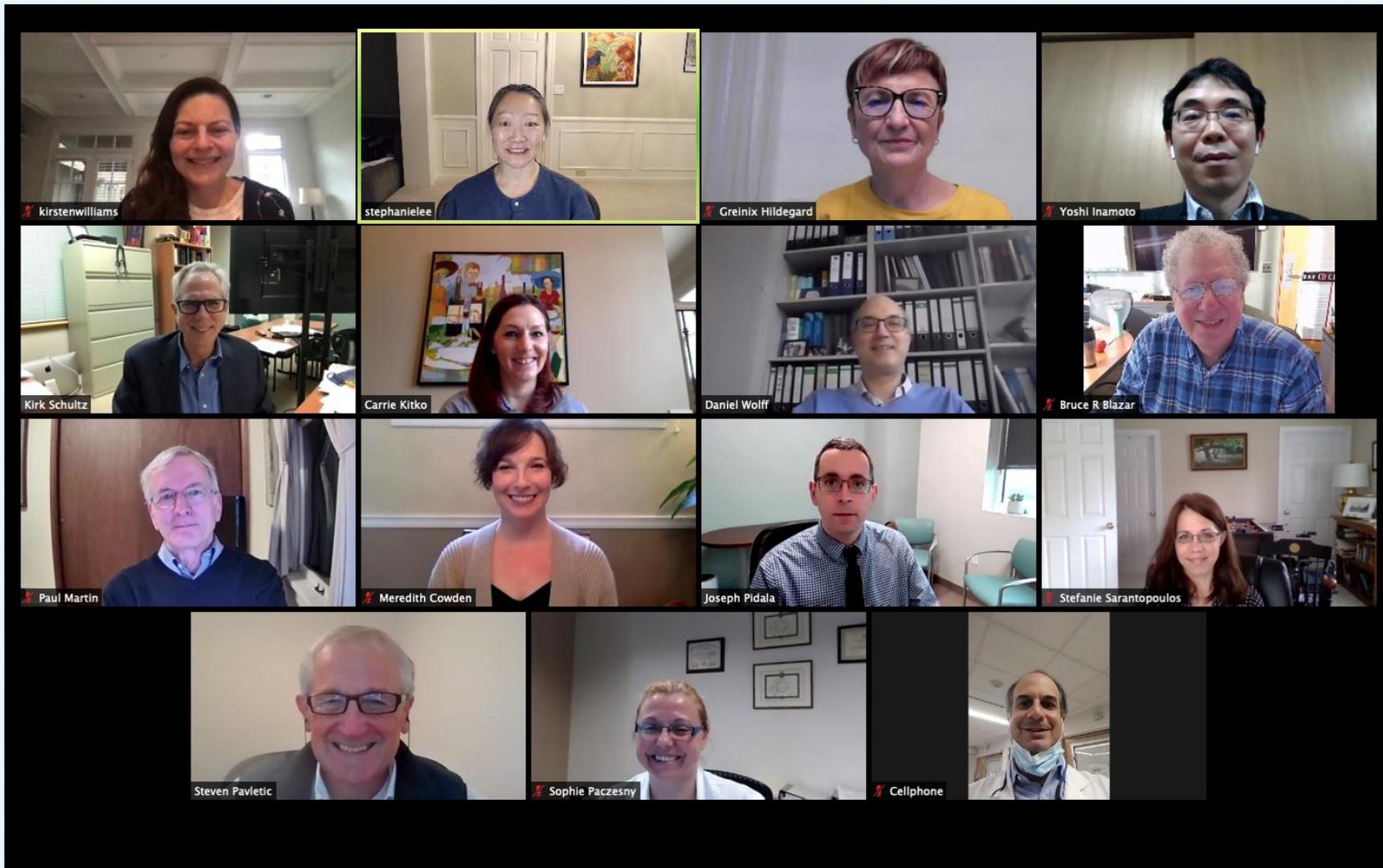


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November 11, 2020



- “Miracles do not occur at random”

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